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PART. I.

✠ PRAYERS ✠

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Prayers

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"Pray without Ceasing."

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"Be careful for nothing: but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God."

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Philip. iv. 6, 7.

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"ONLY, O LORD, in Thy Dear Love,
Fit us for Perfect Rest above,
And help us this and every day
To live more nearly as we pray."

CHRISTIAN YEAR.

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"HE realises what Prayer is who knows that of himself he is nothing; that he can do nothing, but that GOD can do all things for him; and prays."—PAROCH. SERMONS, Vol. II. Serm. XVI.

"There have been, there are, souls, whose home is prayer, whose labour is prayer, whose rest is prayer; and bright and sunny are their minds, for the light of GOD'S love rests sweetly on them."—LENTEN SERMONS, Serm. XVII.

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PREFACE.

THE Prayers and devotions contained in this precious little volume are, many of them, of an unusual character. It is not simply a Book of Prayers and devotional exercises, designed to be such by the writer, either for his own use, or that of others.

Many of those which it contains are of this character, but a large number of them may rather be described as unpremeditated devotional utterances, gathering up and throwing into a devotional form, and so pouring out as it were into the ear of Almighty God Himself, the thoughts on which the Author had been dwelling in a Sermon, it may be, or anything else on which he had been engaged. In these devotional passages he seems in a manner to forget or to put aside the consideration of those

whom he was addressing, and to be conscious only of the Presence of God, to Whom he turns, and pours out to Him the desires of his heart.

This accounts for unexpected turns of expression occasionally occurring, which would be explained, and their suitableness appear, if taken in connection with the subject of the Sermon or other instruction which called them forth.

At the same time, the gathering up of passages of this description, and appropriating them to a purely devotional use is a very happy application of them. For the ready transition, whether in his writing or conversation, to something which betokened a state of ceaseless prayer, was characteristic of Dr. Pusey. No one who had the privilege of familiar intercourse with him could fail to perceive this habitual attitude of his heart and mind, even in the natural and unrestrained conversation on ordinary topics of the day, at meals or other social times ; how all things were viewed by him in their relation to the will, the law, the glory of God, and the well-being of His Church ; how there was an unceasing praying in spirit, an

offering of everything to God, a conscious recollection of His near Presence, and a sacred seasoning of heavenly salt in all he said.

The sense of the Presence of God was as the very air he breathed; to lose it would have been to him (to use his own words) "like trying to live in an exhausted receiver."

These devotions have been collected and grouped under heads and subjects with loving care in order to bring within the reach of others the spiritual help and edification which the compilers have found in them for themselves. The collection may be regarded as a grateful thank-offering, as well to the Giver of all Good, as to the memory of him who was the immediate instrument of grace to so many souls.

But (as must be the case with all books of devotion) it is a book the value of which will grow with use, and can only be appreciated, whether as to the instructions or the devotions, by long familiar use. Those who do use it will hardly fail to find a great door of spiritual contemplation as it were open to them.

May it be so to many, for their comfort and edification, and for the deepening of their spiritual life! But, in order that it may be so, it must be used in the spirit of the words, "He realises what prayer is, who knows that of himself he is nothing, but that God can do all things for him; and prays." It is not enough passively to acknowledge our own nothingness, and God's Almightiness, there must be continual action on our part. The humble recognition of all these will not suffice, except it can be added, "and prays."

R. F. WILSON.

ROWNHAMS,
May 28th, 1883.

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Letter
On the Importance of Prayer.

". . . . I HAVE been asked to write you a few lines on the importance of prayer, that GOD would overrule what is happening or likely to happen, to the glory of His Great Name and the benefit of His Church. In this active century there is naturally the more peril that we should, even in what we would do for the glory of GOD, think over much of the human means which we could use, and forget in a degree that even while 'Paul planted and Apollos watered,' S. Paul looked to GOD alone to 'give the increase.' It is, then, I hope, not without GOD'S good Providence that these decisions—which will, I hope, gain us peace, and help us to teach forbearance to any who, with

greater or less degrees of knowledge, do desire the glory of GOD—fall in the vestibule of Lent. Knowing, as we do, that nothing happens without our Father, we shall, I hope, use this our yearly season of humiliation in prayer to Him, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, that He would so overrule human counsels as shall be for His glory, for the furtherance of the truth, and the salvation of souls; that He would give the full knowledge of the truth to those who as yet see it but in part, and that He would give us wisdom so to teach it as not through any fault of ours to alienate any who might be won to it, but rather win those who now, in ignorance, oppose or even persecute it.

"Believe me,
"Your affectionate friend and
"brother in Christ,
"E. B. PUSEY.

"CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD,
'*January* 31, 1877."

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Prayers for Penitence.

INTRODUCTION.

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ASK Him, by His love for sinners, to give thee true sorrow for love of Himself that thou hast offended Him; and thy Redeemer, who knows better than thou the value of thy soul, for which He paid so dear a Price, Himself counts thy return an addition to the joy of His Humanity.

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PRAY Him, with the penitent thief, to remember thee when He cometh in His kingdom, and not to remember thy sins.

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Prayers.

I.

WILT thou not look up to Him and say,

"By Thy Grace henceforth I will love Thee. Bind me by Thy love, that I may love Thee, LORD; let me rather die than profane the body which Thou didst so redeem, and wound Thy love." Amen.

II.

LOOK to Him; catch, in mind, that loving, all-glorious Eye, as it beholds thee, and say,

"Saviour, save me; let me not again degrade the body which Thou hast vouchsafed to take, which Thou hast so glorified, and in which Thou vouchsafest still to remember me, Thy poor sinner, redeemed with Thy precious Blood." Amen.

III.

MAY He give us all grace so to "hear His Voice," and follow Him" now, that our past neglect of His many calls and recalls, turn not to our condemnation, and "in the hour of death and Day of Judgment" may He "deliver us." Amen.

IV.

MAY God so cleanse our souls by penitence to-day, that on the morrow He may find in us a mansion prepared for Himself, and enter in there, sealing our pardon by the Holy Kiss of His forgiveness, and saying to our inmost souls, "Thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged!" May He so dwell in our hearts by love, that they may never again wax cold, but dwell in Him and His love for ever, where, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, He liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. Amen.

V.

MAY Jesus give us grace to catch His gracious Eye Which seeth us, read in it His pitying love, love Him who loved us, and loving, cleave to

Him, and cleaving to Him, follow His steps in the narrow path which for us He trod, that, living unto Him, we may die unto Him, and never be severed from Him, "Who, loving His own who were in the world, loved them unto the end." Thou hast said, Lord, "I shall draw all men unto Me." Draw us forth then, O LORD, out of all the power of the enemy, and evil desires or passions, or listlessness, or manifold cares of this life, which hang around us and clog us and hold us back from Thee; draw us up above the mists which surround us here into Thy pure light; Thou knowest, LORD, that of ourselves we cannot follow Thee; we are weak, but Thou art strong, we are held down by the body of this death, by the cords of our past sins; by the might of evil habits; but Thou hast died that we might live; Thou wert compassed by the snares of death, that we might be freed; draw us then, LORD, as Thou wilt, in penitence unto Thee, by the cords of Thy love, that we may be freed from all besides, and follow Thee; held by Thy Hand and upheld by Thy grace, that we may "run the way of Thy commandments, when Thou hast set our hearts at liberty," and in this life "drawn after Thee," by Thy grace, may, through Thy Cross and Passion, attain unto Thee,

where, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, Thou ever livest and reignest one God, world without end. Amen.

VI.

O GOD, give us grace more and more to seek Thee; so that, if we find Thee, we shall in Thee find each other who shall have sought Thee our common Centre; we shall, in Thy light and love, at length understand one another; we shall see in one another the work of Thy grace, and love one another in Thee, and Thee in one another. Amen.

VII.

DEEPEN all Thou wouldest have in me, and take away all Thou wouldest not have. Increase my longing, my sense of need; of my own emptiness and Thy exceeding Fulness. Fill me: give me all I need—give me Thyself. Amen.

VIII.

"LORD, help me!" True, I have not been one of Thy sheep, yet I would be now. I lie at Thy Feet, I look up to Thee, as a sheep to its

Shepherd. *Lord*, help *me*. Thou art Almighty; I, in need: Thou canst help; I need help; Thou art the Creator; I, Thy creature; Thou camest to save the lost; I am as one lost, Lord help me. Thou knowest all I need; I need all. Thou canst forgive all my sins; Thou canst heal all my infirmities, Lord help me; Lord, Who canst, and willest, and knowest, what is best for me, help me as Thou knowest. Amen.

IX.

LORD, too late have I loved Thee, that ever I loved Thee not; too little have I loved Thee, Who art infinitely to be loved, Who dost love me with all that Infinite Love. Draw me, that I may follow Thee: Thou art my God, and I will thank Thee; Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee. I will love Thee, O GOD my Strength; be Thou the Strength of my heart and my Portion for ever. Amen.

X.

LORD, too late have I loved Thee, but give what Thou commandest, and command what Thou wilt. I am Thine, O save me; save me, that I may

never again so displease Thee. Keep me, that I may never again leave Thee. Others, besides Thee, have had dominion over me; but henceforth, Thou, Thou Alone art my God; Thou art my God and my Portion for ever. Leave me not, O GOD of my Salvation; and by Thy grace, never, O never more will I abandon Thee. Amen.

XI.

WOULD, O GOD, for love of Thee, I had never, never displeased Thee! Would that I had ever loved Thee!

XII.

SAY to God, "I am Thine. Would, for love of Thee, I had ever lived to Thee; would that I had never disobeyed Thee, never preferred anything to Thee! Would that I may never more offend Thee!" Amen.

SAY these from thy heart of hearts, and thou wilt know a joy, which if thou hast never so wholly given thyself to God before, thou hast never yet known, the joy of a personal love of God, as thine own God, the individual love of God, as thine own God, the individual love of Jesus, Who saveth thee from thy sins.

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Against a Besetting Sin.

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OH, GOOD JESU, my Saviour and my God; Thou Who didst make me, knowest how weak I am. Thou knowest, Good Lord, that I am tempted to—[*then name the temptations to it, and the ways in which you sin, as well as you know them*]. But, Good Lord, for love of Thee, I would this day keep wholly from all [*naming the sin*], and be very [*naming the opposite grace*]. I will not, by Thy Grace, do one [N] act, or speak one [N] word, or give one [N] look, or harbour one [N] thought in my soul. If Thou allow any of these temptations to come upon me this day, I desire to think, speak, and do, only what Thou willest. Lord, without Thee, I can do nothing; with Thee I can do all. Accept, Good Lord, this my desire; help me by

Thy Grace that I fall not, or if I fall, bring me back quickly to Thee, and grant me to love Thee better, for Thy tender mercy's sake. Amen.

ASK God in earnest prayer to show you, each of you, wherein *his* chief fault lies.

Prayers for Special Seasons.

For Advent.

GOD grant that the consciousness of the account, one day to be given before our Judge, may quicken all our diligence and vigilance, that so, when the Day comes, we may do it with joy and not with grief, and "following His blessed Saints" of old time, who had this truth ever before them, "in all virtuous and godly living, we may come to those unspeakable joys, which He has prepared for them that unfeignedly love Him, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

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For Christmas.

GOOD JESU, Who didst empty Thyself of Thine Eternal Glory and become a Little Child for love of me, empty me wholly of myself and make me a little child, that I may love Thee wholly, as Thou didst love me infinitely. Amen.

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For Lent.

I.

GOD, give us grace, this coming Lent, so to lay to heart our ways, that we may weary of all which is not His, from Him, to Him: and may, through Him, the Living Way, by new love and obedience, attain to Him, Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, is the End of our being, the Fulness of bliss of all creation, "the Eternal Infinite Truth, the origin, fountain, measure, end, and cause of all created truth," the ever-blessed, beatific Life; to which He, of His mercy, bring us sinners, to Whom be all glory and thanksgiving and adoration and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

II.

O GOD, give us grace, this Lent, to consider our ways; that, if we have learned something of self-sacrifice, we may learn more in that blessed school of giving love for Love, sacrifices hallowed by His Blessed Sacrifice; or else that first grace to show mercy, in proportion to our means, that we may not be shut out from His Mercy and His Presence for ever. Amen.

For Passion-tide.

I.

MAY GOD in His Mercy so write by His Spirit on our hearts the Passion of our Redeemer, that It may be seen in our lives, and that we may follow His Steps. Amen.

II.

O THOU, Who searchest the hearts and reins, lay open my own sins to me, and have compassion on me. Amen.

III.

LET us cast ourselves at the foot of His Cross, clasp it, although we feel its sharpness; there look up at Him, and say:

"O GOOD JESUS, Who for us didst vouchsafe to be rejected, and that Barabbas should be preferred unto Thee, I knew not, oh! I knew not what I did, when I preferred to Thee, and Thine honour, oh, what miseries! Forgive me, cleanse me, heal me, bind me wholly to Thyself, that I may henceforth ever choose Thee, and nothing, nothing out of Thee." Amen.

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For Holy Week (and Fridays).

MAY God give us faithful hearts, that we may pray to be enabled in earnest to take up the Cross of our Lord daily. May He make us ready to be partakers of His sufferings, sharers of His death, bearers of His Cross, "if by any means, we may attain to the Resurrection" to eternal glory for His merits, "Who died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them and rose again." Amen.

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For Easter.

O THOU, Who didst manifest Thyself in the Breaking of Bread to Thy Disciples at Emmaus, grant us ever through the same Blessed Sacrament of Thy Presence to know Thee, and to love Thee more and more with all our hearts. Abide *with* us, abide *in* us that we may ever abide in Thee, dwell in us that we may ever dwell in Thee, O good JESU, Thou GOD of our Salvation. Amen.

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For Ascension-tide.

O! OUR Saviour, of ourselves we cannot love Thee, cannot follow Thee, cannot cleave unto Thee; but Thou didst come down that we might love Thee, didst ascend that we might follow Thee, didst bind us around Thee, as Thy girdle, that we might be held fast unto Thee. Thou Who hast loved us, make us to love Thee; Thou Who hast sought us, make us to seek Thee; Thou Who, when lost, didst find us, be Thou Thyself the Way, that we may find Thee, and be found in Thee, our only Hope, and our Everlasting Joy! Amen.

For Whitsunday.

O HOLY Creator Spirit, on this Thy Day, come down once more into our souls in Thine own thrilling fire of life and light and heat, kindling our senses with Thy light, our hearts with Thy love; wash away our stains, bedew our dryness, heal our wounds, bend our stubbornness, guide our wanderings, that, Thou being the Inmate of our hearts, the Instructor of our reason, the Strength of our will, we may see by Thy light Whom as yet we see not, and know Him Who passeth knowledge, and through God may love God, now as wayfarers, and, in the day of perfected Redemption, in the beatific vision of our God, to Whom, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be ascribed all honour, power, might, majesty, thanksgiving, and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Introduction to the Prayers for Holy Communion.

WHILE you desire that He, the Source of all grace and love, should dwell in your soul, so especially ask at each Communion that He would give you, with Himself, some especial grace, which you feel you most need, as opposed to the "sin which doth most easily beset you."

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Before Holy Communion.

I.

PRAY Him not only for love, or humility, or meekness, (and so as to every other grace,) but that He Himself would, by Himself, conform you to Him. For His graces are His own gifts through His indwelling by His Spirit.

Pray that you may be humble, as He was "meek and lowly of heart;" fervent, as He prayed earnestly and with His Bloody Sweat for us in the garden; meek, as He was "led as a lamb to the slaughter," and prayed for His torturers there.

II.

PRAY to God to make them, who are in themselves unworthy, worthy partakers. Pray to Him to increase your faith, to deepen your repentance, to heighten your love, to make steadfast your unsteadfastness.

Cast yourselves upon Him, ask of Him more faith; bring before Him all your sins, all your

trials, all your troubles, weaknesses, sorrows; ask Him to take away what He sees good: to bear for you what He thinks fit that you should bear, to sanctify what He doth not take away.

III.

"O BLESSED JESU! give us grace so to approach Thee here 'with reverence and godly fear,' that we in that Day may behold Thee without fear. Cleanse our hearts to receive Thee, and so dwell in us whom Thou hast cleansed. So pour Thy love into our hearts, that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgement. O join Thou us more closely to Thy Side that we may be never parted from It, but that these glimpses of Heaven and unseen union with Thee may be the foretaste and earnest of that unspeakable Feast, when we, who hunger now, shall be wholly filled, because we shall wholly love." Amen.

IV.

ONLY, O LORD, strengthen our hearts with that Bread which came down from Heaven to give life unto the world, even Thyself: give us Thy grace, and so deal with us as Thou willest, "give what

Thou commandest, and command what Thou willest," if Thou slay us, give us trust in Thee; "O LORD, in Thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded," let me not be confounded for ever. Amen.

V.

LORD, give us grace to love Thee, to serve Thee, to die to ourselves and live to Thee, that we may die in Thee and live in Thee and with Thee everlastingly. Amen.

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Prayers just before and after Communicating.

I.

"LORD, I am not worthy, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof; yet Thou Who didst not disdain to lie with the brute cattle, Who despisedst not the harlot coming to Thee and touching Thee, despise not me, but take away my sin, the utter sinner." Amen.

II.

Then, when thou hast received His Holy Body and His Life-giving Blood, cry to Him with a yet deeper heart's cry,

"O LORD GOD, Lamb of GOD, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon me." Amen.

And while we adore Him, we would own to Him,—

"*That* is not the deep condescension of Thy love, O LORD, that Thou vouchsafest to come to us, under these forms of Thy creatures. Senseless and inanimate though they be, *they* never sinned against Thy love. *The* miracle of Thy mercy is it, that Thou thus vouchsafest to come to *me*, the utter sinner, Thy poor sinner. Out of the abyss of my nothingness, I adore the abyss of Thine All-Mercifulness, my Saviour and my God. LORD, make me to love Thee, as Thy Love deserveth; make me to humble myself before Thy Humility; fit me, all unworthy as I am, O LORD, to receive Thee, my God and my All."

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After Holy Communion.

INTRODUCTION.

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SINCE you desire that our LORD should "dwell in your heart," forget Him not, when ye have received Him. Collect yourself from time to time during the day in His Presence; commune with Him. Pray Him, "Abide with me, LORD." Pray Him, "to guard thee, within and without, against all which may offend Him, to deepen in thee whatever grace thou hast asked for." Watch jealously over every thought and member. Remember that your Lord dwelleth in you, and speak, act, and think, as in His Presence. Watch over all the inlets of your senses.

Let not the eyes, which He has enlightened, wander after sights of vanity; nor the ears, which He has unstopped, be filled with sounds of this world, so that they hear not His still Voice; nor the taste, which has tasted heavenly Food, be over-anxious about "the things which perish in the using"; nor the tongue which (as was said of

old) has been "reddened with the Blood of the Lord," speak idle, vain, or detracting, or unloving words; nor the mind, which has been gathered in one in Him, be scattered amid the distractions of this world.

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Prayers.

I.

IN all we say, think, do, fear, hope, enjoy, let us say, "Abide with us, LORD." We fear our own unsteadfastness; "LORD, abide with us!" The foe is strong, and we, through our sins, weak; "LORD, abide with us," and be our Strength. We are ever subject to change and ebb and flow; "Abide with us, LORD," with Whom "is no change." The pleasures of the world would lead us from Thee; "Abide with us, LORD," and be Thou our Joy. The troubles of the world would shake our endurance; "Abide with us, LORD," and bear them in us, as Thou didst bear them for us. Thou art our Refreshment in weariness, Thou our Comfort in trouble, Thou our Refuge in temptation, Thou in death our Life, Thou in Judgement our Redeemer. "Abide with me, O LORD." Amen.

II.

"ABIDE with us, LORD." "Why shouldest Thou be as a stranger, and as a wayfaring man, that turneth aside to tarry for the night?" "Abide with me, LORD," in the Love and Grace I prayed for, that I "may bring forth fruit, and my fruit may remain," and the glowing Breath of Thy Spirit may "blow upon our garden, that the spices thereof may flow out" in the fragrance of love, and deeds of love, to the praise of Him Who gave them. "Abide with us," that we may abide in Thee, O good JESUS, "Thou God of our Salvation!" Amen.

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Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

WHEN thou mayest not receive Him in the Sacrament, pray Him "to come and abide with thee by His Spirit."

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COMMUNIONS in spirit detain JESUS in the soul which He has visited, and prepare the soul to long for His further Presence.

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Prayers for Love.

I.

OH! Blessed only Saviour, happy they who have left all to follow Thee, to be where Thou art, to sit down on Thy Throne, to taste of Thy Sweetness, to gaze on Thy Beauty, to be filled with Thine unimaginable Love. Draw us, LORD, that we may run after Thee. Look down as from Thy Cross on us, Who wouldest draw all unto Thee. Kindle, soften, break our hard cold hearts, that we be ashamed to be so unlike Thee. Fill our faces with shame, that we may see Thy Face. Give us of that love, wherewith Thou lovedst us, that we, loving Thee in Thy members, may be loved of Thee and owned of Thee, and enter into Thine Everlasting Love, Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, art One God, to Whom be blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and power, and might, for ever and ever. Amen.

II.

"GIVE me, what Thou willest, only deny me not Thyself; let me not possess Thee less, love Thee less, than, if faithful I should have loved Thee; be it that here I must be a wreck of myself; but bind me up, remake me, that I contain not for ever less of Thee, and of Thy Love." Amen.

III.

O MY JESUS, how long shall it be, that men shall love Thee less because Thou deservest so infinitely to be loved; that Thy Love shall not be believed because its greatness is so inconceivable? Amen.

IV.

OH, Love of our God, love of our Jesus! must thou for ever be wasted? Must thou ever be wandering up and down our earth, homeless and a stranger, and so few to take thee in, and those grudgingly, and after having perhaps long shut thee out? Shall we not say, "O Love, Love Incarnate, Love Infinite, too late have I loved Thee! Would I could win some other souls to love

Thee! Do Thou Thyself give might to our prayers, that we may win some to love Thee, some to be for ever blessed in Thy love. Grant us more who shall pray, that Thy love be spread abroad. "O that Thou wouldest rend the heavens asunder and come down," and melt the mountains of our rocky hearts; that they may be molten into the fire of Thy love, and the smoke arise to Thee, as the incense of prayer, that the smoke of the torments of Thy lost ones may not ascend so terribly. Amen.

Prayers for Grace to fight manfully against Temptation.

I.

MAY God give us all grace,—to those who are now asleep, to rouse them wholly to fight against these His enemies, and, to those who are fighting, to fight more resolutely, and to those who are fighting victoriously, to fight continually; never to lay aside their armour, never to relax, but to gain yet more victories over themselves and Satan; and, as their profession is, "to fight manfully against sin, the world, and the devil, and to remain Christ's faithful soldiers and servants unto their life's end." Amen.

II.

MAY He in His mercy prosper us the Captain of our Salvation, with the sign of whose "Cross"

we were in Baptism "signed," in token that hereafter we should not be ashamed to confess the faith of Him Crucified, and manfully "to fight under His banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and to continue His faithful soldiers and servants unto our life's end." Amen.

For Spiritual Joy.

O MY LORD and my GOD, my Hope and the Joy of my heart, say to our souls, Is this the joy whereof Thou tellest us by Thy Son, "Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full"? This joy is full, and more than full. For when the whole heart, whole mind, whole soul, whole man, shall be full of that joy, still shall it, beyond measure, overflow. Not into those who joy shall that joy wholly enter, but they who joy shall wholly enter into that joy. LORD, say to Thy servant within, in his heart, If this is the joy into which Thy servants shall enter, who shall "enter into the joy of their Lord"? But truly the joy of Thine Elect, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor heart of man conceived." I have not then said, as yet, or thought, O LORD, how much Thy blessed shall joy. Surely their joy shall be great

as their love, and their love as they shall know Thee. How much, LORD, shall they know Thee then? How much love Thee? "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor heart of man conceived," in this life, how much in that life they that know Thee, shall love Thee. Amen.

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Intercessory Prayers.

INTRODUCTION.

PRAY for hearts of fire; pray for the conversion of those who are in sin or in error; pray that you yourselves may be wholly God's; pray Him to look down and visit the Vine which He has planted; pray Him, with Elijah, to send down fire from above, the fire of His Spirit, to visit these hearts of His.

Prayers.

I.

PRAY we the Lord of the harvest that He would send labourers into His harvest. Pray we, that He would add to the band of those Christian women, to whom it has been given to be missionaries in bringing the poor wanderers at home, or the heathen in the isles of the sea, into or back to the fold of Christ. O that God, Who has

so wonderfully renewed among us the call to devoted service, would extend that call yet wider. Let us help others, as we can, to understand and to follow that call, that so this our land may once more be the island of Saints, the horrible dishonour to His Name be mitigated, the terrible waste of souls, for whom Jesus died, be stayed. This, let us ask of Him Who can do abundantly more than we can ask or think. Let us ask it of Him now, by His Body which was given for us, by His Blood which He shed for us. Amen.

II.

MAY GOD give us grace so to use faithfully what He has for this short time intrusted to us, that we may see in that Day, with joy, those whom our prayers, our alms, our words, our deeds, our lives, have holpen to love our God, Who hath washed us from our sins in His Own Blood, and hath made us kings and priests, to offer up ourselves as living sacrifices to God, and hereafter to reign with Him in that unspeakable glory and joy where, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, He liveth and reigneth. Amen.

III.

O LOVE Divine, how can it be, that Thou art so little loved, so hated by some, so forgotten by the many, so jostled out and thrust into corners, to dwell in Lazarus' heart? Oh what an office Thou hast given us to pray that those, who love Thee not, may know what Thy love towards them is, and may return Thee the renewed love of their whole souls for all Thine Infinite Love! Amen.

IV.

LORD have mercy this day—or this night—on the souls which Thou hast made and hast redeemed by Thy Precious Blood. Amen.

V.

SAVE them, LORD, [*the souls which Thou hast redeemed*] save them, O most sweet, most loving Jesus! Let not Thy Blood have been shed for them in vain; save them with us, O most loving Jesus. Saviour of sinners, save them! Amen.

VI.

LORD, wilt Thou not enable us to persevere in our united supplications to Thee, that all sinners may be brought to the Fountain opened for sin and for uncleanness? Wilt Thou not look with the tender Eye of Thy Compassion upon these our brethren, whose miserable diseases we lay before Thee for healing, and cheer our hearts with those sweet words of mercy to each one of us: "I will, be thou whole"?

Prayer for the Dying.

Daily prayer for those of this day who are in their Agony (that is to say, for all who will have to draw their last breath within the next 24 *hours). It is computed* 80,000 *die every day throughout the world.*

O MOST merciful LORD, who dost so love the souls which Thou hast created, that Thou wouldest not the death of any sinner, but that all should be converted and live, we pray Thee by Thy Dying Agony on the Cross, to purify through Thy Precious Blood all the sinners in this world who are now in their agony, and who must this day die, and be called to appear before their Judge. Amen.

IF by the fervour of your prayers one soul is saved each day, through God's blessing and

gracious answer, each one will have saved 365 souls in one year, at the end of ten years 3,650 souls! What a harvest! What a Crown of Joy for Eternity! May each one have this unspeakable and glorious rejoicing!

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O LOVE of Jesus; have pity on the dying!

To-morrow it will be too late.

Pray for the dying; they cost the Precious Blood of Jesus.

Pray for the dying; and thus you will unite your labour with Jesus for the salvation of souls. How glorious a mission!

Pray for the dying; prayer alone can aid them in this moment. Then one day will you thus be prayed for when you are in your agony; what a sweet thought in that last extremity.

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Prayers for Unity.

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PRAY Him "to heal our breaches," and to turn men's hearts to one another, that so, loving Him Who is Love, we may in Him love one another, and together seeking Him who is the Truth, we may, in Him, together acknowledge His truth. Amen.

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IT is proposed to unite in prayer for

1. The unity and peace of the Church.
2. The conversion of sinners, and awakening of the listless.
3. The advancement and perseverance of the faithful.

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Prayer for the Third Hour (9, a.m.)

THE HOUR OF THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY GHOST.

V. JERUSALEM is built as a city.
R. That is at unity in itself.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Collect.—Vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, Almighty GOD, to grant unto the whole Christian people, and especially to Thy servants in [N.], and all for whom our prayers are desired, unity, peace, and true concord, both visible and invisible, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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II.

Prayer for the Sixth Hour (12, p.m.)

THE HOUR OF THE CRUCIFIXION.

V. TURN us, O GOD our Saviour.

R. And let Thine anger cease from us.

O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end.

Collect.—Almighty GOD, we beseech Thee to hear our prayers for such as sin against Thee, or neglect to serve Thee, especially those in [N.], and others for whom our prayers are desired, that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to bestow upon them true repentance, and an earnest desire to serve Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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III.

Prayer for the Ninth Hour (3, p.m.)

THE HOUR OF THE DEATH OF OUR LORD.

V. THY God hath sent forth strength for thee.

R. Stablish the thing, O GOD, that Thou hast wrought in us.

They will go from strength to strength, and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

Collect.—Vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, O LORD, to strengthen and confirm all Thy faithful, especially those in [N.], and all others for whom we are desired to pray, and to lift them up more and more continually to heavenly desires, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Prayers for Unity and Concord.

O GOD, Who biddest us dwell with one mind in Thine house, of Thy mercy put away from us all that causeth us to differ, that through Thy bountiful goodness we may keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

We beseech Thee, Almighty GOD, that they for whom there is one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, and one only Sacrifice, may be all of the same mind, and in charity with one another, that all may have one Communion in Thee and with Thee evermore.

O GOD, Who art Love, grant to them that are born of Thee, and eat of Thy Bread, out of sincere love to bear one another's burdens: that Thy Peace, which passeth all understanding, may keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, Thy Son our Lord, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost, art one God, world without end. Amen.

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II.

For the Conversion of a Sinner.

O LORD, call back to Thee Thy prodigal son [N], now wandering in the paths of sin and death; that, turning again to Thee in the spirit of humiliation, he may obtain of Thee to be mercifully received.

O GOD, Who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may be converted and live; grant unto [N] the grace of saving repentance, through the offering of Thy Son, that, turning to Thee with his whole heart, he may attain everlasting salvation.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, the Good Shepherd, Who feedest with Thine own Body, those Whom Thou hast redeemed with Thine own Blood, bring back the sheep that is astray to Thy fold, and make it worthy of Thine eternal pastures. Amen.

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III.

For Perseverance unto Death.

O God, Who hast willed that we, who are appointed to death, should yet know neither the day nor the hour thereof, grant to us, Thy servants, that we may walk before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, and finally depart in peace, and die in the Lord, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We beseech Thy great mercy, O Almighty God, that by the virtue of this Sacrament, Thou wilt vouchsafe to confirm us Thy servants in Thy grace, that in the hour of our death, the adversary may not prevail against us, but that we may obtain an entrance into life with Thy Holy Angels. Amen.

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For the Tempted and Troubled.

O GOD, Who art faithful, and sufferest us not to be tempted above that we are able, but with the temptation also makest a way of escape, that we may be able to bear it, we humbly entreat Thy Majesty, that Thou wouldest graciously strengthen with Thy Heavenly aid Thy servants who rely on Thy mercy, and keep them with Thy continual protection, that they may evermore wait on Thee, and never by any temptation be drawn away from Thee.

ALMIGHTY, everlasting GOD, Comfort of the sorrowful, and Strength of the weary, may the prayers of all that call upon Thee in any trouble come into Thy Presence, that all may rejoice, that, in their necessity, Thy mercy hath been with them. Amen.

Prayers for Perseverance.

I.

"ABIDE with me, and give me perseverance unto the end, and in the end." Amen.

II.

MAY God, through these prayers, kindle in us a hatred of sin, lowly thoughts of ourselves, adoring, reverential love of Himself; strengthen us against temptation, lift us above the world, *give us perseverance to the end*, through the Merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

III.

O GOD, give us wisdom day by day to see the end of ourselves and of all things around us, and seeing all things as we shall then see them when that end comes, gird us more steadfastly to walk in the way of His Commandments, that so, whether

dried up or refreshed, honoured or despised, at rest or in weariness, lonely or supported, we may in all things seek Him only, our Refreshment, our Glory, our Strength, our Everlasting Rest, and ever seeking Him, may at length find Him, and be found in Him, and "ascend from the wilderness" of this world leaning on and supported by Him, Whom our soul hath loved.

IV.

O BLESSED JESU, give us the gift of Thy holy love, pardon of all our sins, and grace to persevere unto the end. Amen.

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Ejaculations

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Ejaculations For the Sick and Dying.

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GOOD JESU! Physician of souls and bodies;
Make my sickness a healing medicine to my soul:
Soothe by Thy Presence each ache and pain;
Hallow my suffering by Thine all Holy Suffering;
Teach me to unite my sufferings with Thine,
To be hallowed by Thine.

II.

LORD, offer all my sufferings to Thy Father,
As Thou didst offer all Thine Agonies to Him.

III.

O Good Jesu! crucified for us;
Nail my will to Thy Cross, for love of Thee.

IV.

Good Jesu, make me wholly Thine;
And in any way Thou willest;
Bind me faster to Thee.

V.

Good Jesu, give me a deep love for Thee,
That nothing may be too hard for me to bear from Thee.

VI.

Good Jesu, Who hast borne the Cross for me,
What Cross willest Thou that I should bear for Thee?
Thou knowest, LORD, that I am all weakness,
Teach me to bear my Cross;
Bear it for me, bear it in me.

VII.

LORD, strengthen me to bear my Cross patiently, humbly, lovingly:
If I sink under it, look on me and raise me up.
Give what Thou commandest, and command what Thou willest.
Only by Thine All-Holy Cross and Passion,
Sanctify my cross to me, and
Keep me Thine for ever.

VIII.

Good Jesu, nailed motionless by Thy Sacred
Hands and Feet,
For love of me,
Keep me still, motionless, unmoved, unshaken,
Cleaving fast to Thee.

IX.

O Good Jesu! my GOD, and my All,
Keep me ever near Thee;
Let nothing for a moment separate me from Thee.

X.

Good Jesu, to Thee I flee,
Hide me in Thy Sacred Side.

XI.

O Good Jesu! Who keepest Thine Own
Under the Shadow of Thy Wings,
Teach me to flee to Thee, and hide me from all
evil.

XII.

O Good Jesu! shelter me from the evil one,
Shed Thy dew upon me to calm my soul,
And dwell in me fully, that I may wholly love
Thee.

XIII.

Good Jesu, Strength of the weary, Rest of the Restless,
By the weariness and unrest of Thy Sacred Cross,
Come to me who am weary,
That I may rest in Thee.

XIV.

Jesu, most Tender, in Thee would I trust,
Let me never be confounded.

XV.

LORD, if Thou increase my pain, increase also my patience;
Thou knowest my weakness.

XVI.

Good Jesu, Who hast borne so patiently with me,
Make me wholly patient for love of Thee.

XVII.

O Good Jesu! humbled to the death upon the Cross for me;
Good Jesu, mocked and blasphemed for love of us,
Make me truly humble for love of Thee.

XVIII.

O Blessed Jesus! into Thy Hands I commend my soul and my body,
To live or to die as seemeth good to Thee,
And to Thine infinite mercy,
For Thou hast redeemed me, O LORD, Thou God of Truth.

XIX.

Good Jesu, Thou knowest that I desire to love Thee,
Who hast so loved me unworthy.
Thine would I be, Who hast made me Thine;
I would love Thee, be wholly Thine.
Open mine eyes that I may see
All in me which displeases Thee,
All which would please Thee.
Give me grace to cast out all which offends Thine Holy Eyes,
And to choose, do, and be all which Thou lovest.

XX.

Good LORD, teach me to judge myself as Thou judgest.
Make me more ashamed of sin than of all besides,
Yet not so ashamed as not quickly to come to Thee,
All-merciful, all-loving LORD.

XXI.

Good Jesu! by Thy Loneliness in the Garden,
By the Desolation Thou willest to come over Thee,
Sanctify mine.

XXII.

Good Jesu, Who alone orderest all things well,
I cast myself wholly upon Thine infinite, undeserved love,
I trust Thee with my all,
Myself, and all whom I love, and all which I desire,
My present and my future, my hopes and my fears:
My time and my eternity, my joys and my sorrows.
Deal with me, as Thou willest, and knowest best,
Only bind me safe to Thine Everlasting Love.

XXIII.

Good Jesu! Who didst give Thyself for me,
Give Thyself to me;
Make me wholly Thine, that I may deeply love Thee.

XXIV.

Good Jesu! bared, racked, reviled, forsaken, motionless on the Cross, for love of us,

Help me to bear all pain meekly, in humble love
of Thee;
Bare me, empty me of myself, to fill me with love
of Thee.

XXV.

Good Jesu, lead me that I may follow Thee;
Hold me, that I may hold fast to Thee,
Teach me, that I may choose Thee alone;
Keep me, that I may be Thine for ever.

XXVI.

Jesu, most tender,
Thou hast been very tender to me,
Make me very tender to all and of all who are
Thine,
For the love of Thy most tender Love.

XXVII.

O Good Jesu! Who hast so loved us,
Pour Thy Love largely into my soul,
That I may love Thee intensely,
And all besides in and for Thee.

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Against Anger.

"SET a watch before my mouth, and keep the door of my lips."

O Holy JESU, subdue in me each rude ungentle word by Thy sweet calming Spirit. Thou knowest, LORD, how I have sinned in my tongue; my many idle, angry, unloving words which have defiled my lips and provoked Thee to anger. O help me, by Thy grace, to restrain and overcome them. Thou, O Blessed LORD, wert gentle, loving, kind: make me like unto Thee, and suffer me not to grieve Thee by my unloving words. O Good Jesu, make me to will what Thou willest, to hate with intensest hatred what Thou hatest, to love with intensest affection what Thou lovest, and to love Thee above all. Sanctify all things to me, and me in all things; make me cleave to Thee, rest in Thee, trust myself and all that Thou hast given me

in Thy Hands, to leave my present and future all with Thee, to will nothing but what Thou willest for me, to desire nothing but what Thou dost give me, be it health or sickness, sorrow or joy, life or death—bring me by all and through all to Thine own Blessed Presence, Who art my All in All, Jesus, my LORD and my GOD. Amen.

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Act of Self-Dedication.

O LORD Jesu Christ, give me grace, I beseech Thee, this day to do all I may have to do in *Thy Name.* May I live as one who bears Thy Holy Name, and solely to the glory of Thy Name. May I refer all things solely to Thee, and receive all from Thee.

Be Thou the Beginning and the End of all! the Pattern Whom I am to copy; the Redeemer in Whom is my strength; the Master Whom I am to serve; the Friend to Whom I may look for comfort and sympathy. May I fix my eyes on Thee as my Help, my Aim, the Centre of my being, my Everlasting Friend. O Thou Who hast so looked on me that I may see Thee, set Thine Eyes upon me, I beseech Thee. Steady my unsteadfastness, unite me to Thyself, and guide me in whatever path Thou seest fit to lead me, till of Thine Infinite Mercy Thou wilt bring me to Thine Eternal Presence in Paradise. Amen.

A Penitential Prayer.

O BLESSED Saviour, I cannot gain for myself the gift of tears; I cannot gather together my own distracted thoughts; I cannot undo what has been done, or regain what has been neglected: I have spent my money for that which is not bread, and my labour for that which satisfieth not. But, LORD, I bring Thee my sorrows and miseries and sins. I cast them down at Thy Feet, and would, through Thy grace, leave them there, beseeching Thee to clothe me with some portion of Thy Holiness, and to give me of Thy Joy. I bring Thee of my *emptiness;* do Thou give me of Thy *Fulness.* I bring Thee a broken heart: do Thou re-make it, and bind it up, that it may be re-made, as a vessel of Thy Glory to contain Thee. Feed me with Thy Body, Which Thou didst take that It might be broken for us. Wash me with Thy Blood, which Thou sheddest for the remission of our sins. Gladden me with the "new wine" of Thy Spirit,

so that I may go forth out of myself new-born as a little child in Thy Childhood: dying in Thy Death: living by Thy Life in me, to rise again through Thy Resurrection, Who art our Resurrection and our Life, on that Glorious Morrow which setteth not, the morrow of Thy Eternity and Rest and Joy and Peace, into which Thy Redeemed shall enter—"the joy of their Lord." To which do Thou of Thy mercy bring me, a sinner, Thou, our only Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

For Guidance.

I.

O LORD, Thou hast said, "I will draw all men unto Me." Draw me forth then, O LORD, out of all the power of the enemy, and evil desires, of passions, or listlessness, or manifold cares of this life, which hang around me and clog me, and hold me back from Thee; draw me up above the mists which surround me here, into Thy pure Light. Thou knowest, LORD, that of myself I cannot follow Thee. I am *weak*, but Thou art strong. I am held down by the body of this death, by the cords of my past sins, by the might of evil habits: but Thou hast died that I might live; Thou wert compassed by the snares of death that I might be freed. Draw me then, O LORD, as Thou wilt, in penitence unto Thee, and to Thy Cross, that bound unto Thee by the cords of Thy Love, I may be freed from all besides and may follow Thee: held by Thy Hand and upheld by

Thy grace, may "run the way of Thy Commandments when Thou hast set my heart at liberty." In this life drawn after Thee, by Thy grace may through Thy Cross and Passion attain unto Thee in the Life Everlasting, where with the Father and the Holy Ghost Thou livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

II.

O BLESSED LORD JESUS, enable me ever to be looking on to the Day when Thou, Whom I *would* love, shalt say, "It is done!"—to think of that Day when, with lovingkindness Thou shalt say, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" And do Thou, O LORD, according to Thy most true promise, come to me now unseen, by grace. Come to me, veiled in Thy Sacrament. Come to me, O LORD, in my secret chamber; descend upon me in my prayers, ascend with me, and bear me in Thine Arms, that I faint not, nor grow weary. Be with me in trouble; in temptation do Thou shield me; in slippery places, uphold me. In the fever-heat of my passions, be Thou Dew from above to cool me: in the cold of desolation, be Thou Fire to kindle me. In the aching of my heart, let

Thine Everlasting Arms be beneath whereon to rest me: in the tumults of my soul, do Thou hush me; in my fears, fold me in Thy Bosom; in loneliness be a still, small Voice within me. When I pass "through the Valley of the Shadow of Death" be Thou with me, around me in life, in death, to receive me; say unto me "Fear not; I am with thee." When I fear, lay Thine Hand upon me. Strengthen and uphold me by the Right Hand of Thy Righteousness, saying—"Fear not, beloved, I come quickly, and Thy Reward is with Me, to give to every man according as his work shall be." Let me so wait and watch, and prepare for Thy Glorious Appearing, that I may at my last hour rejoice in Thee, and say, "Amen, even so come, Lord Jesus." Amen.

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For Humility.

GOOD JESU, Who emptiest Thyself for love of us, make me glad to be humbled, that I may be humbled with Thee.

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For a Spiritual Father and Guide.

MOST merciful Father, giver of every good gift, who hast given me Thy servant . . . as a father and a guide, forgive him I beseech Thee his sins, that they darken not his mind, and he be a blind leader of the blind. Sanctify him with Thy Truth, O Thou Who art the most merciful Sanctifier of all. Kindle his heart with the fire of Thy Love, grant him ever to walk in the light of Thy Divine Presence, and that seeking Thee alone, he may attain unto Thee, and taught by Thee, may teach me Thy paths, so that he by word and example leading me on, and I following his counsels, we may together hasten unto Thee, the true Shepherd of our souls. And do Thou, O good Jesu, vouchsafe to bear us on Thy Shoulders, us whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Most Precious Blood, and to place us in Thy green pastures, Who didst place in Paradise the thief at Thy side, Who livest and reignest ever one God, world without end. Amen.

For Guidance.

O BLESSED and only Saviour, Who callest unto Thee Thine own and they follow Thee, not knowing whither they go, and Who hast said that Thy sheep should hear Thy voice and follow Thee, have mercy upon me, who earnestly desire to follow Thee. LORD, Thou hast ever led Thine own by paths which they knew not, make me not anxious to know mine: do Thou guide me, for I cannot guide myself, choose for me, for Thy choice alone is good. LORD, as Thou wilt, and when Thou wilt, Thou alone knowest. Not where I will but where Thou willest is safest for me. Thou Alone art our stay, our home, our sure abiding place. Thou alone canst keep us unspotted in the world. Let me not outrun Thy care, nor run whither Thou callest not. Enable me to know Thy Voice in all my daily duties, in patience to abide my time, and while Thou seemest to tarry, fit me the more to serve Thee

when and as Thou wilt. Correct whatever Thou seest amiss in me, strengthen my weakness, restrain my waywardness, rule my will, calm my impatience, still my heart, perfect my obedience. Fit me for Thy service by teaching me to deny my own will, wishes, longings, ways, in all things seeking to please, not myself, but Thee, to have no will but only Thine. Give me, O my GOD, that love for Thee, that for Thy love I may love all which Thou appointest for me, that I may shrink from no burden or heat of the day, which Thou wouldest have me bear. Bless all whom Thou hast drawn to Thyself by Thy love, let not our frailties or infirmities mar or hinder Thy work in us, but bless and accept us, and bring us to the everlasting joy of Thy Presence, for the worthiness of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer.

(*Originally written by John Keble, and modified in view of our present needs.*)

O LORD Jesus Christ, King of kings, Lord of lords, Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, look down, we beseech Thee, upon the Church of England in her present distress. Convert the hearts of the rulers of this world, that they may fear to claim for or render unto Cæsar the things that are God's. Enlighten the judgement, guide and bless the endeavours of our Spiritual Fathers the Bishops, and all who are labouring for the maintenance of Thy true faith and religion amongst us, and for the peace and freedom of Thy Holy Church. Give wisdom and discernment, patience and tenderness, forgetfulness of self and pure zeal for Thee alone and for Thy glory, to those who would restore and spread Thy faith, that they may in meekness instruct those who oppose themselves.

Take away prejudices from those who unknowingly contradict Thy truth, and give to those who teach such meekness and humility, such love and discretion, as may win others to the true knowledge and faith in Thee; that Thy Holy Name may be for ever glorified and Thy blessed kingdom enlarged. Grant that none of those ordained as preachers of Thy Holy Word may any more preach and teach that which is contrary to Thy Word, to the grievous dishonour of Thy Holy Name, and to the destruction of souls for whom Thou hast shed Thy most Precious Blood; and vouchsafe unto us all of Thy great mercy true patience and courage, a sincere desire to know and to do Thy will, a steadfast reliance on Thy wise and tender Providence, that, fearing Thee alone, and loving Thee above all things, we may ever hold, and hand on to our children, the precious deposit of true faith, to the salvation of many souls and to Thine own greater glory. Amen.

Prayer for those in Religious Houses.

O God! in Whose Hands are the hearts of all, knit we beseech Thee more and more unto Thyself the hearts which Thou hast drawn up to Thyself by the bands of Thy love. Implant and increase, deepen and widen, the longing to live wholly unto Thee, and for Thy Love part, when Thou callest, with all but Thee.

Bless them, whether men or women, whom Thou hast already gathered together in one to serve Thee alone with a devoted heart; guard, guide and bless them within and without, that they may grow in all spiritual graces, and that Thy Love within them may shine on those without. Give them fervour in devotion, diligence in labour, singleness of heart in action, burning love for Thee, and tender love for all who may be made Thine. Enable them with one heart and one soul

to accomplish that Thou givest them to do. Make them the salt of the earth, witnesses against the corruption and evil of the world, a refuge for the tempest-tost and the homeless, nurseries of piety and charity, healers of the ills wherewith we are encompassed. Let their prayers go up as incense for themselves and for others.

Have mercy upon this Thy Church, and strengthen her with Thy Blessed Spirit to subdue our sinful nature to Thyself.

Gather, O LORD, those who are yet longing to be gathered to Thee. Draw, O LORD, all whose secret hearts Thou knowest, ever continue Thy Grace to all whom Thou hast drawn, and enable those who out of earthly affection would withhold them, to offer them unto Thee, as Abraham offered Isaac and received him again as one dead, but alive through Thee. Even so, O LORD, gather us all unto Thyself, and bind us to Thee in the bonds of Everlasting Love which reach unto Thy Throne in Glory, where with the Father and the Holy Ghost Thou reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for a Priest.

"WHAT is there in man, O LORD, that Thou art so mindful of him, or the son of man that Thou so regardest him?" What is there so attractive and engaging in the polluted souls of sinners, that for one soul only Thou couldest leave Thy ninety-nine sheep in the wilderness, and go after that one sheep which was lost, and never give over searching for it, till Thou hadst found it? That for more than thirty years Thou wentest up and down upon the earth, traversing hither and thither, condescending to the most menial offices, and enduring every hardship, and all the while doing good, and healing those that were oppressed of the devil? All night on the chilly mountains in prayer, all day in the scorching plain preaching to the multitudes that flocked around Thee, that the Kingdom of God was at hand! Houseless, for Thou hadst not where to lay Thy Head lest the sinner should pass by unseen by

Thee; sleepless lest he should escape Thy vigilance! And not content with this, Thou hast left behind Thee on earth Thy Church to carry on Thine own work; Thou hast willed to join on our poor love with Thine own Almighty Love, and to pour out the riches of Thy Grace and Message of reconciliation through us earthen vessels, and to seek and to save through sinful man those whom Thou hast purchased with Thine own Blood. But, alas! how have we shepherds under the Great Shepherd fulfilled the trust committed to us? Where has been in us that which was our Lord's peculiar characteristic, an intense untiring zeal for lost souls? Oh! to our shame be it spoken, what little account do we take of them, for whom He suffered so much; of those thousands of poor perishing souls who are famishing for want of the Bread of Life at our very doors, and whose blood will hereafter be required at our hands! Amen.

Litany.

GOOD JESU, Who hast borne the Cross for me, what cross willest Thou I should this day bear for love of Thee?

Thou knowest, LORD, that I am all weakness;

Teach me to bear it; bear it for me; bear it in me.

Strengthen me to bear it patiently, humbly, lovingly.

If I sink under it, look on me, and raise me up.

Give me what Thou commandest, and command what Thou willest.

Only by Thine own Holy Cross and Passion

Sanctify my cross to me, and keep me Thine own for ever.

Good Jesu, keep me safe, still, meek, trustful,
By Thee through this hour.
If I fall, quickly raise me,
If I forget Thee, quickly recall me,

Bring me again next hour to seek Thy help,
Or if through distraction I forget, keep me till
Thou recall me.

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Good Jesu, by Thy Love whereby Thou lettedst
Mary sit at Thy Blessed Feet,
Keep me still, hushed, peaceful, hopeful, trustful,
Looking up to Thee, listening to Thee, loving
Thee, hoping all from Thee,
And let nothing break that sacred calm or hide
Thee from me.

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Good Jesu, to Thee, I flee,
Hide me in Thy Sacred Side.

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Good Jesu, in all ways I am Thine,
Make my will one with Thine.

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Good Jesu, crucified and dying for me,
I lie as one dead before Thee.
Make me to die to myself
That I may live to Thee, by Thy life in me.

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O Sweet Jesu! give me a burning love for Thee,
And absorb me wholly into Thee.

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O Good Jesu! Who keepest Thine own under the shadow of Thy wing,
Teach me to flee to Thee and hide me from all evil.

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Good Jesu, give me a deep love for Thee,
That nothing may be too hard for me
To bear for love of Thee.

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Good Jesu, nailed motionless by Thy Sacred Hands
and Feet for love of me,
Keep me still, motionless, unmoved, unshaken,
cleaving fast to Thee.

Good Jesu, humbled to the Death upon the Cross
for me.
Good Jesu, mocked and blasphemed for love of
us, make me truly humble for love of Thee.
Good Jesu, Who speakest to the secret heart,
Let loveliness be Thy Presence in my soul.

Ejaculations.

Against Anger.

O JESU, calm me.

For Purity.

LORD, cleanse me.

For Love.

O Good Jesu ! give me a burning love for Thee.

O Good Jesu ! prepare my heart for Thyself.

Abide with us, that we may abide in Thee,
O Good Jesu !

O Good Jesu ! live in my heart,
And in my memory,
That I may live to Thee here,
And with Thee everlastingly. Amen.

For Faith.

"LORD, I believe whatsoever Thou hast revealed. Teach Thou me."

If Thou hast revealed any certain truth, and teachest Thy creature man, teach me.

For Penitent Love.

LORD, for love of Thee, I would grieve that I ever offended Thee.

For Perseverance unto Death.

O GOD! strengthen the thing which Thou hast wrought in us, be our Guide unto and "over death."

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If any find profit to their souls from this little book, their prayers are asked, that the compilers "may have part with them in the blessedness of knowing and loving God."

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"Praised be God, Who hath given the increase."

Preface to AVRILLON *on* LENT.

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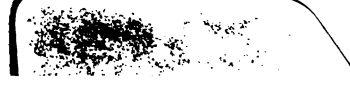
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